

HB 170 Providing for a \$50.00, 3 day NR bird lic.

I am Joe Perry, Chairman of the Upland Game Bird Citizens Advisory Council.

1. A broke outfit like FWP has no business giving away any free or reduced price licenses. If legislators want to give folks a deal, it should come out of State general funds not sportsmen dollars.
2. State boards, working groups, and councils often involve folks donating hundreds of hours. If they are to be anything but lip service to the public, it seems only just that they not be left out of decisions affecting their particular subject matter. The sponsor did not contact the Upland Game Bird Citizens Advisory Council.
3. Montana's season (4 Months) license at \$120 is a steal in comparison to surrounding states.
4. Our chamber of commerce member did not want a cheap 3 day license that may very well encourage NR to spend less time and \$ in Montana.
5. We know we need a resident license fee increase. It seems senseless to codify a cheap license at least until this fee increase is debated.
6. There is no one complaining to us about the cost of our license.
7. I have personally hosted hundreds of NR hunters on my place at Conrad over the years. Not one ever complained about the cost of our license.

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